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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 17-23, 34-40, 43-46, 49, 51-53 and 61-64 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 32, 33, 42, 47, 48, 50, 54-60 and 65 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to be pursued in continuation/divisional application(s). Support for the claims can be found throughout the specification, including the original claims, and the drawings. Withdrawal of the rejections in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner is thanked for the indication that claims 17-23, 34-40, 43-46, 49, 51-53 and 61-64 are allowed. It is respectfully submitted that, as all of now pending claims 17-23, 34-40, 43-46, 49, 51-53 and 61-64 are allowed, the application should also be in condition for allowance.

II. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph

The Office Action rejects claims 42, 47, 48, 50, 54, 59, 60 and 65 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, alleging there is a lack of support for these claims in the original disclosure. Applicant respectfully disagrees, and contends that there is support in the original disclosure for these claims. However, merely to expedite prosecution of the application, Applicant has canceled claims 42, 47, 48, 50, 54, 59, 60 and 65 to be pursued in continuation/divisional application(s). Accordingly, the rejection is moot.

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III. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The Office Action rejects claims 32 and 55-58 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Japanese Patent Publication No. 01-316235 (hereinafter “JP ‘235”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,516,271 to Swenor et al. (hereinafter “Swenor”). Claims 32 and 55-58 are canceled, and thus the rejection is moot.

The Office Action rejects claim 33 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over JP ‘235 in view of Swenor, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,102,549 to Slysh (hereinafter “Slysh”). Claim 33 is canceled, and thus the rejection is moot.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned, **JOANNA K. MASON**, at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this,

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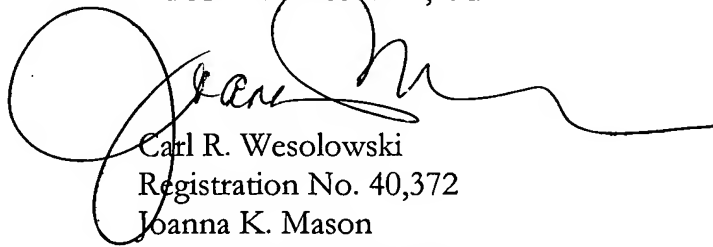
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concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,
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